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### **Deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance December 17**

INDIANAPOLIS (December 1, 2005) -- The deadline for individuals to file for unemployment assistance as a direct result of the tornadoes that struck Southern Indiana last month has been set for Saturday, December 17. Since December 17 falls on a Saturday, applicants can file online until December 17 or at the Evansville Work One office until Friday, December 16.

The Federal Disaster Relief Act of 1974 provides assistance to individuals who have lost their employment as a direct result of a major disaster. Federal assistance becomes available to eligible individuals when an area is declared a major disaster by the President.

To be eligible for assistance, workers or self-employed individuals must be unemployed as a result of a major disaster in a major disaster area.

On November 7, following a request from Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, President Bush signed a disaster declaration making Warrick and Vanderburgh counties eligible for an array of federal disaster relief programs.

Unemployment assistance is available to unemployed workers if as a direct result of the disaster, the individual:

- No longer has a job.
- Is unable to reach the place of work
- Was to commence work and does not have a job or is unable to reach the job.
- Has become the breadwinner as major support for the household because the head of household died as a direct result of the disaster.
- Cannot work because of a disaster-related injury.

Individuals can file for the disaster unemployment assistance at the Evansville WorkOne office, located at 700 E. Walnut Street. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.